**Development and promotion of agriculture**

†1195. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any proper and effective scheme for developing and promoting agriculture sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount spend thereon since the implementation of Tenth Five Year Plan till date and to what extent it is more than the amount spent for this purpose during the Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRIKANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) A number of new schemes have been formulated and approved for implementation in the Tenth Five Year Plan for enhancement of agricultural production and productivity in the country, which *interalia,* includes:

(1) National Horticulture Mission; (2) Monitoring of Pesticide at National Level; (3) Development Market Infrastructure, Grading Standardization; (4) National Project on Organic Farming; (5) Agribusiness Project Development through Venture Capital Participation by Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC); (6) Mass Media Support to Agriculture Extension; (7) Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms; and (8) Micro Irrigation.

In addition to this, a number of ongoing schemesjiave been restructured during the Tenth Plan to improve their efficacy.

(c) The expenditure incurred under the schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation during Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan, year-wise are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

| Year | Actual Expenditure |
|---|---|
| | Ninth Plan |
| 1997-98 | 1207.80 |
| 1998-99 | 1343.88 |
| 1999-2000 | 1456.90 |
| 2000-01 | 1651.04 |
| 2001-02 | 1777.92 |

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

| Year | Actual Expenditure Ninth Plan |
|---|---|
| | Tenth Plan |
| 2002-03 | 1656.78 |
| 2003-04 | 2050.77 |
| 2004-05 | 2651.68 |
| 2005-06 | 2967.55 (Release up to 24.02.2006) |

**Export quality rice**

1196. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which are producing export quality rice alongwith the details of the total production of such Basmati rice in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government to provide incentives to the States, particularly to the Andhra Pradesh, producing such rice;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which the production of such rice is on increase in Andhra Pradesh in comparison to previous two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Basmati rice is grown in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttaranchal, Western Uttar Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. The state-wise production of Basmati rice in these States is given below:

Production ('000 tonnes)

| State | 2002-03 | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Haryana | 728.00 | 1248.00 | 1002.00 |
| J&K | 60.98 | 87.78 | 88.00 |
| Punjab | 240.00 | 384.00 | 382.50* |
| U.P. | 462.00 | 645.21 | 640.00* |
| Uttaranchal | 12.88 | 3.49 | 5.61 |
| All India | 1503.86 | 2368.48 | 2118.11 |

*Provisional